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1. Location: About 1,300 feet west of the large VORONEZH (39°10'E/
51°39'N) RR station, immediately south of the Komintern plant.
2. Plant area, about 130 acres; the plant, which had a spur track,
was still being reconstructed.
3. Only a small percentage of the plant machinery consisted of dismantled
German machines. Most of the machine tools were of American
origin; the special machines had been confiscated at the
Loewe Radio and Opta Firms. The Seyffert & Hasse Sawmill
in KREUZBURG-Upper Silesia had been evacuated to VORONEZH for the
reconstruction of the plant.

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4. Plant history and organization:

a. In 1941, the equipment of the plant, which was about fifty
percent destroyed, was evacuated to NOVOSIBIRSK, (statement
of a Soviet engineer, who had returned from NOVOSIBIRSK.).

b. A sister plant was located in LENINGRAD. Only these two
plants produced commercial radio sets in the USSR. The plant,
which has been reconstructed since 1945, started production
in October 1947 with a work force of five hundred, working
one shift.

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5. Production:

- a. Commercial radio sets; size of case: 30 x 40 x 60 cm.
- b. Subsidiary production: Simple loudspeakers
- c. Large piles of American boxes and German military receivers and transmitters of type Ferna and Dora were observed.

6. Location: Another source stated that the plant was in the vicinity of the VORONKH railroad station.

7. Work Force: 4,000 to 5,000. Soviet and some German engineers.

8. Production: Short-wave air force radio sets (70 percent of the output) and short-wave radio telephony receivers (30 percent of the output, 70 percent of which were delivered to collective farms). Air force sets of type KYA-102, KYA-108, and SPA-6. Commercial telephone sets of type Marshall, Stakhanov, Gerol, and Phillips. The small-sized air force sets were equipped with metal tubes. They were said to be high-performance sets of type Telefunken and Phillips. Estimated output: 100 air force sets and 100 to 200 commercial sets.

9. According to a third source, the VORONKH Electrooriginal Plant was 80 percent equipped with the machinery of the Communist BERGUT Telefunken Plant. The remaining special equipment had come from German test plants and army stores.

10. The work force in July 1942 consisted of about 1,500, including two hundred Germans. Eighty of the Germans were Poles detained in camps in the vicinity of VORONKH. The majority of the Soviet workers were trained by German specialists.

11. Two new workshops were under construction.

12. The plant was inspected for three days by a group of fifty younger Soviet air force officers in July 1942.

13. ALISEVICH was known to be the chief engineer of the plant.

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Comments:

a. The data are considered credible. Available information makes it probable that a smaller percentage of the produced radio sets is generally assigned to the civilian requirements than is stated in the report.

b. The resumption of production in the VORONKH Electrooriginal Plant, which was transferred to NOVOSIBIRSK (Plant No. 590) late in 1941, was previously reported. The plant was equipped with dismantled machinery of the BERGUT Telefunken Plant.

c. The radio sets of type KYA-102, etc. mentioned in par 8 as air force sets, seem to be aircraft radio sets.

d. Since the interrogated PW was a skilled worker of the BERGUT Telefunken Plant, efforts are being made to obtain from him additional information on the frequency, range and type of the sets concerned.

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